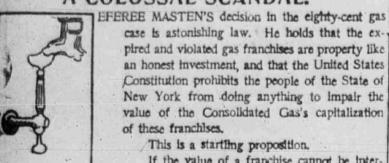
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### A COLOSSAL SCANDAL.



If the value of a franchise cannot be inter-

fered with by legislation then the five-cent fare bill is unconstitutional; the free transfer laws

are unconstitutional, the two-cent a mile passenger laws in twenty States are unconstitutional; the lowering of freight rates by law is unconstitutional, and the Public Utilities bill will be unconstitutional as soon as the Governor affixes his signature to it.

This decision concerns not only the people of this city, but of this State and of every one of the United States. Its broad application would prohibit any legislative or popular action to lower the charges and diminish the profits of any public service corporation.

A franchise is a revocable public grant, not private property. It has always hitherto been supposed than any act which the Legislature could pass, any future Legislature could repeal; that any franchise could be revoked, and that every grant of public powers was subject to with-



According to Referee Masten's decision the Legislature can never repeal any franchise without compensating its owners. For certainly If the power of the State is not ample to regulate the terms under which a franchise may be operated it has not power to repeal a franchise entirely and thereby wipe out all its market value.

There are some phases of this eighty-cent gas litigation which the libel law makes it perilous frankly to discuss, but attention may be called within the law to these phases of the referee's rulings.

He allows the Consolidated Gas to contradict the report of the value of its tangible property made to the State Tax Commission. He allows it to dispute the evidence of its own books as to the cost of making and distributing gas. He goes over the report of the official auditors. He also holds that the public must pay dividends on the value of the franchises and good will.

The mere statement of these findings is a convincing commentary

Of even more pressing interest is the question of how the referee's conclusion became known in advance in Wall street. Presumably no one knew the referee's decision until he made it public. The knowledge was locked in his own brain. How did it escape?

Where was the leak?

Within the past few days the market value of the securities effected by this decision increased some million dollars. Who profited uncredy (

The judges of the United States Circuit Court of this district cannot be too prompt in publicly investigating the colossal scandal. It was worth millions of dollars to find out in advance the referee's decision. Somebody evidently found out. How did they do it? By what X-Ray apparatus or telepathy or other psychic process did the insiders in Wal street discover in advance what was going on in Referee Masten's brain



As to the questions of law involved they will be carried up to the Supreme Court of the United States, where it will be determined whether or not the power to extort is private property. But the tale which the ticker told this last week is of immediate concern to the United States Circuit Court of this department in which these proceedings are pending

## Letters from the People.

"The Greatest Speciacle."

To the Editor of The Evening World: If those who refer to Broadway's mat inec girl promenade on Saturday after one as "Beauty's Boulevard" will go a little further uptown a day later they will see a far prettier sight. Walk blong Riverside Drive from Seventy-Afth to Ninety-fifth streets any bright day afternoon and you will see the

But oan't the Government

urn. It is a disgrade to a great city that the money-sending facilities are as madequate: The clerks are not at fault hey seem to do their best.

M. G. OUTRAM, JR.

Straw Hats and Orash Suits.

to the Editor of The Svening Worlds Summer is at hand. So is the straw hat season. The straw hat is the comfortablest, becomingest masculine headthest parade on earth. Lovely girls gear. Why limit its wear to three months? The tyranny of that ugly hat. ringes, autos, &c. the whole affect the derby, is on us the rest of the year ming a carnival of life and color. Why not let fashion extend the inges, autos, &c. the whole effect inges, &c. the whole ef

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# Repairing the Streets.

By Maurice Ketten.

## The Chloroform Cure for Bachelors. \* By Nixola Greeley-Smith.



forty who refuse to marry. This is very kind of the new York bachelor would be gisd indeed it such a choice, or indeed any choice, were permitted him. He would, of course, choose to be married. He is a gallan man. But the idea that he could be chloroformed if he preferred it would take the crueity off his inevitable fate. The faired it would take the crueity off his inevitable fate. The data successions was a manifest opportunity.

Woman. But no man marries sitogether of his own accord. He is led more of the second the is led more of the second the second the second tends of the siege began to bear fortile. Little by little the fortress—key to the whole Crimea and to the fate of the war—showed signs of yielding. On Sept. 8, 1855, Sebastopol was faired it would take the crueity off his inevitable fate. The bachelor, no matter what his egg, is unfair. He would not be a bachelor if some woman—or perhaps several women—had not grossly neglecte.

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Ragian did not live to see this glorious crowning of his life work. He may, indeed, regard himself fell ill in June, 1855, and died three months before the fortress fell. After his death the country and press that had so scourged and persecuted himself. riage. I do not believe that, as Thackeray and many writers no moderately attractive woman error after him have declared, any woman without an absolut choice—for he would be her husband if she had hump can marry any man she chooses, but no marry and marry any man she chooses, but no marry and marry any man she chooses, but no marry and marry an riage. I do not believe that, as Thackeray and many writers no moderately attractive woman ever made him the

That a man is a bachelor, on the contrary, does not prove that he is averso

HE unmarried women of South Dakota have petitioned to marriage. It merely shows that no woman "without an absolute hump" has the City Council to chloroform all bachelors ove thought it worth while to marry him. Marriage is a voluntary proceeding with forty who refuse to marry. This is very kind e woman. But no man marries altogether of his own accord. He is led more o

half an opportunity to marry. As a matter of fact, women as an exceptionally willy person, strong to resist and cunning to clude the snares his death the country and press that had so scourged and persecuted him are the only persons who exercise any choice about mar of woman. Nevertheless, the mere fact that he is a bachelor demonstrates that honored the dead warrior as a national

plain or old or had-tempered she may be, she has always had a chance to marr be as cruel as blaming him for being one and to punish him for it would be as cruel as blaming him for being bald or rheumatic. He cannot help on some one. The fact that she is single is a certain indication that she prefer more than the other. It would be far more just to be.

Bill Hustle, of Harlem. By H. Methfessel.



UPHOLDING HIS REPUTATION. were so tickled over his tact they

Science Discovers Strange Frog.

SOUTH AMERICA has a frog of peculiar habits. Dwelling in the virgin

forests, at the tops of the highest trees, it shooses as a site of its nursery

IN BOSTONESE. "Come in, Waldonia," said her

"You have been in that swing

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SIXTY HEROES WHO MADE HISTORY
By Albert Payson Terhune.

No. 52-GEN. RAGLAN: Hero of the Orimean Was. TITZROY RAGLAN snatched victory out of defeat in the Orimean was In return he was blamed and ridiculed by his own nation, was mis-

judged and ill-treated, and died without knowing he had won success for his country and lasting fame for himself. This is the story of his splesdid achievement and tragic fate:

Russia and Turkey were hereditary foes. The former had conquested and annexed the peninsula known as the Crimes, and during the see quarter of the nineteenth century completed at Sebastopol, on the Blee Sea, a vast fortress that served as a constant menace to Turkey. Russia this and other preparations was seemingly aiming at cutting into Turking territory. Europe watched the Czar's movements with alarm, for it was evident he was merely waiting an excuse to declare war on the Sultan. The chance came in 1852. Backed by France, Turkey offended the Caar by siding with the Latin Catholics Instead of with the Greek Church in a matter of religious precedence in Bethlehem. Instantly a Russian army was rushed into Turkey's Danube provinces. Turkey declared war. France and England (and later Sardinia) formed an alliance with the Sultan against Russia. strong fleet carrying 64,000 soldiers-30,000 French, 27,000 English and 7,000 Turks-landed in the Crimea, about thirty miles north of Sebastopol, early in September, 1854.

The British forces were commanded by Lord Ragian. He was the Duke of Wellington's former military secretary, had served with honor in the Spanish campaigns against Napoleon and had lost his right arm at Waterloo.

The Allies Are Led by a Hero and by an Incompetent.

He was a fearless soldier and brilliant tactician. The French commander was Marshal St. Arnaud. a weak incompetent. History has proven that there are no braver, better fighters on earth than well-led Frenchmen. But in the Crimea, as later in the Franco-Prussian war, France lacked effi-

cient generals. The burden of the work fell on the English.

The allies disembarked anu advanced toward Sebastopol. This vast fortress was of course the objective point of the war. It was impregnable from sea, but less well fortified on the landward side. Large Russian armies filled the intervening countries. The first of these, 50,000 strong, under Prince Mentschikoff, occupied the heights above the River Alma, in the path of the invaders. In a three-hour battle Ragian swept the Russians out of his way in disorderly rout and advised that the allies push straight on to Sebastopol. Had this been done before the landward side of the fortress could be strengthened the war might have ended almost at once. But St. Arnaud held back and compelled Ragian to encamp at Balaklava and prepare to storm Sebastopol slowly and in accordance with old military traditions. Ragian could not overrule his colleague, and the Russians thus gained full time to throw up fortifications.

While the British were at Balaklava (the French being encamped some miles away) a great Russian army (Oct. 23, 1854) attacked them. The Turkish vanguard was utterly beaten, and the Russians poured in on the much smaller British force. Ragian by sheer genius repulsed the attack and won the day. A spectacular feature of the battle of Balaklava was the famous charge of the Light Brigade, in which 600 cavalrymen under Lord Cardigan, acting under a mistaken order, hurled themselves against the whole Russian army. Barely 200 returned unharmed. Eleven days later at Inkerman the Russian's again attacked, seeking to drive the Allies away and raise the siege. This conflict is known as "the battle of the soldiers," for in the dense fog at the outset of the assault no clear plan of warfare could be carried out, and the contest was largely a matter of bayonet work and other close quarters fighting. Thanks to Raglan's quick decision and unerring judgment, the Russians were driven back, with heavy loss. St. Arnaud died and was succeeded in the French command by Gen. Canrobert, another incompetent, whom Ragian could not induce to advance boldly on Sebastopol. So the long siege began.

The troops died by hundreds of disease. England had been unprepared for such a war and the British Government made blunder after blunder. For these errors and the handicap of the wretched French and Turkish commanders Ragian received the blame. The English press hounded him. He

and February."

Florence Nightingale disease. He core the brunt of all this unjust criticism and "Gens. January cism and pushed forward the siege as best he could. England a fund was raised, and Miss

was sent to the Crimea. After that the sick and rounded received better treatment. The Czar, on hearing of the deaths in the alited armies that terrible winter through privation, cold and illness, re-

Sentence Sermons.

MPTINESS is not innocence. Worship is independent of walls. True religion is the root of all reform Triumph is a matter of simply trying again. The heights never are scaled by the top-lofty

The overtime sermon makes the slothful saint. You cannot fire the hearts of men by frozen sermona. You lose sense as soon as you ignore all sentiment. Polishing the head alone often paralyzes the heart. The church that lifts the fallen never need fear failure.

The ear ready for slander makes the lips ready to slay. The greatest shame of all is to feel none at things unworthy. A man is not sound in life because he has much sound on his lips. The church will not make a new world until it is willing to mix with th

The pulpit often mistakes the thunder for the shower of blessing You may climb fool's hill in an auto, but you will not reach the top an

The creed that bases righteousness on a

ctitious righteousness. a way that he seas stars.—Chicago Tribune

The Hard-Working Ant.

T is perhaps worth noting that the worker castes are never seen at play. The truth seems to be that their life is so strenuous from its first experience. of imagehood to the end of their career that there is no time for seen of any sort. Work, work, ceaseless work on their endiess round of duty is lot, varied only by scant periods for eating, for sleep, for personal cleans occasional mutual "shampooing." The amusements of ant communities they are, are limited to the degendent leisure classes, says Harper's. By it must be remembered that all of the coutine labor is not of the exe like mining and nursing. Moreover, the liberty to "knock off work" one of the inalienable privileges of the caste workers one that is freely used apparently never abused. No doubt, under such a rule, they get more est tion—one might even say more enjoyment—out of life than winged idlies. career is shut in and restricted at so many points that they seem to be than privileged prisoners of state.

Preached Sermon in Armor.

A English preacher believes in unconventional ways. One must do es, to says, to reach the people in religion. So he appeared on the stage of the Crown Theatre, at Peckham, England, arrayed in the full panophy of a knight errant of the time of the Crusades, surcost of chain mail, haultering greaves, armored gauntiets, sword and helmet, and preached from Ephasians "Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to

Science Invents "Heat Veil."